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Michigan Mink Production

Mink pelt production in Michigan was 56,500 pelts in 2013, according to Jay Johnson, Director of the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Female mink bred to produce kits in 2014 totaled 17,500. Due to sequestration, the *Mink* report was suspended in 2012.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2013 totaled 3.54 million pelts. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1,129,960 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 855,380 pelts.

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total U.S. production in 2013 is as follows: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, and Blue Iris at 8 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 17 percent. Value of mink pelts produced during the 2013 crop year was \$200 million. The average price per pelt for the 2013 crop year was \$56.30.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2014 totaled 851,530. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2014 by color class is as follows: Black at 51 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, and Blue Iris at 7 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 18 percent.